

103. A high temperature filter media comprising a non-woven textile web of a plurality of fibers of bonded melt-spun pre-ceramic thermoplastic polymer cured to a cross-linked thermo-set polymer and thermally decomposed to ceramic.

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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 48 under 35 U.S.C. Section 101. The applicants have cancelled claims 1 through 48. The applicants have added claims 50 through 103 in place of claims 1 through 48.

The Examiner has rejected claim 49 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention. The applicants have amended claim 49.

The Examiner has rejected claim 49 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as not being patentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,403,750. The applicants will file a terminal disclaims in order to overcome this rejection.

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